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REMARKS

Thorough examination and careful review of the application by the Examiner is noted and appreciated.

The gracious allowance of claims 1-6 and 8-10 by the Examiner is further noted and appreciated.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC §102

Claims 12-18 are rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Pant et al. It is contended that Pant et al teaches substantially the process steps in independent claim 15, including that for a closed-loop control method.

Claims 12-18 have been cancelled and withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner.


Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully request the passage to issuance of allowed claims 1-6 and 8-10 by the Examiner at an early date.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the one-month extension fee in the amount of \$110.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0484, as well as any other fees which may be due as a result of this response.

In the event that the present invention is not in a condition for allowance for any other reasons, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicants' representative at his Bloomfield Hills, Michigan office at (248) 540-4040 such that necessary action may be taken to place the application in a condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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